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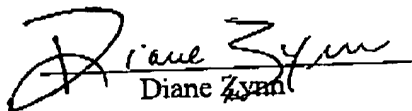
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$360 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$160		\$ 0
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$380 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$180	\$ 0
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